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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

5 MARK DOUGLAS KIMBALL, P.S.,

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 MADHAVI VUPPALAPATI and  
9 ANANDHAN JAGARAMAN,

10 Defendants.

C17-635 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

11 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

12 (1) Plaintiff's motion for leave to serve defendants via e-mail, docket no. 6, is  
13 DENIED without prejudice. In the motion, plaintiff indicates that defendants' current  
14 whereabouts are unknown, but plaintiff has attempted service at the last known address in  
15 the United States, at an address for a related company in the United Kingdom, and via the  
16 Ministry of Law and Justice in India, pursuant to the Convention on the Service Abroad  
17 of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents (the "Hague Convention"). Whether plaintiff  
18 will succeed in serving defendants in India is still unknown. Moreover, because plaintiff  
cannot indicate which country defendants inhabit, plaintiff has not made the requisite  
representation that any such country is a signatory to the Hague Convention and that any  
such country allows or does not object to service via e-mail. Plaintiff is encouraged to  
use defendants' e-mail addresses to obtain waivers of service, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d)(1),  
or additional information that may be used to effect personal service.

19 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of  
record.

20 Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.

21 William M. McCool  
Clerk

22 s/Karen Dews  
23 Deputy Clerk